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24	Defendants.	STIPULATION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER
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Having considered the Stipulation and Proposed Order, and good cause appearing for the entry of said Order, the Court ORDERS as follows:

Disclosure and discovery activity in this action are likely to involve

production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special

protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than

prosecuting this litigation may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby

stipulate to and petition the court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order.

The parties acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all

disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords from public

disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled

to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles. The parties further

Order does not entitle them to file confidential information under seal; Local Rule

79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be

applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

acknowledge, as set forth in Section 12.3, below, that this Stipulated Protective

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1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

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2.1. <u>Challenging Party</u>: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation of information or items under this Order.

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2.2. "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items: information (regardless of how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c).

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2.3. <u>Designating Party</u>: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as "CONFIDENTIAL" and "<u>HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS' EYES</u>

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2.4. <u>Disclosure or Discovery Material</u>: all items or information, regardless

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of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

- 2.5. <u>Expert</u>: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an expert witness or as a consultant in this action.
- 2.6. "<u>HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY"</u>

 <u>Information or Items</u>: extremely sensitive "Confidential Information or Items," disclosure of which to another Party or Non-Party would create a substantial risk of serious harm that could not be avoided by less restrictive means.
- 2.7. <u>House Counsel</u>: attorneys who are employees of a party to this action. House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside counsel.
- 2.8. <u>Non-Party</u>: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.
- 2.9. <u>Outside Counsel of Record</u>: attorneys who are not employees of a party to this action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this action and have appeared in this action on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm which has appeared on behalf of that party.
- 2.10. <u>Party</u>: any party to this action, including all of its officers, directors, employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their support staffs).
- 2.11. <u>Producing Party</u>: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery Material in this action.
- 2.12. <u>Professional Vendors</u>: persons or entities that provide litigation support services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees and subcontractors.

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Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is 2.13. designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" and "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL -<u>ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY.</u>"

2.14. Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a Producing Party.

SCOPE 3.

The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only Protected Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or their counsel that might reveal Protected Material. However, the protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order do not cover the following information: (a) any information that is in the public domain at the time of disclosure to a Receiving Party or becomes part of the public domain after its disclosure to a Receiving Party as a result of publication not involving a violation of this Order, including becoming part of the public record through trial or otherwise; and (b) any information known to the Receiving Party prior to the disclosure or obtained by the Receiving Party after the disclosure from a source who obtained the information lawfully and under no obligation of confidentiality to the Designating Party. Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by a separate agreement or order.

4. **DURATION**

Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs. Final disposition shall be deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and defenses in this action, with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion and exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this action,

including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to applicable law.

5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

5.1. Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.

Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. The Designating Party must designate for protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify - so that other portions of the material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber or retard the case development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

5.2. <u>Manner and Timing of Designations</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or produced.

Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

(a) <u>for information in documentary form</u> (e.g., paper or electronic documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party affix the legend "CONFIDENTIAL"

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and "<u>HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY</u>" to each page that contains protected material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings to each portion).

A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents or materials available for inspection need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which material it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all of the material made available for inspection shall be deemed "CONFIDENTIAL" and "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY." After the inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order. Then, before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the "CONFIDENTIAL" and "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" legend to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings to each portion).

- (b) <u>for testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or</u> <u>trial proceedings</u>, that the Designating Party identify on the record, before the close of the deposition, hearing, or other proceeding, all protected testimony.
- (c) <u>for information produced in some form other than</u>
 <u>documentary and for any other tangible items</u>, that the Producing Party affix in a
 prominent place on the exterior of the container or containers in which the
 information or item is stored the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" and "<u>HIGHLY</u>
 <u>CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY</u>." If only a portion or portions of
 the information or item warrant protection, the Producing Party, to the extent
 practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

5.3. <u>Inadvertent Failures to Designate</u>. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party's right to secure protection under this Order for such material. Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

- 6.1. <u>Timing of Challenges</u>. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a designation of confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a Designating Party's confidentiality designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a Party does not waive its right to challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the original designation is disclosed.
- resolution process by providing written notice of each designation it is challenging and describing the basis for each challenge. To avoid ambiguity as to whether a challenge has been made, the written notice must recite that the challenge to confidentiality is being made in accordance with this specific paragraph of the Protective Order. The parties shall attempt to resolve each challenge in good faith and must begin the process by conferring directly (in voice to voice dialogue; other forms of communication are not sufficient) within 10 days of the date of service of notice. In conferring, the Challenging Party must explain the basis for its belief that the confidentiality designation was not proper and must give the Designating Party an opportunity to review the designated material, to reconsider the circumstances, and, if no change in designation is offered, to explain the basis for the chosen designation. A Challenging Party may proceed to the next stage of the challenge process only if it has engaged in this meet and confer process first or establishes

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- 6.3. If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court intervention, they shall formulate a written stipulation in compliance with the procedures of
- 6.4. The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating Party has waived the confidentiality designation by failing to file a motion to retain confidentiality as described above, all parties shall continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's designation until the court rules on the challenge.

ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL 7.

Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is 7.1. disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this case only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the litigation has been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 13 below (FINAL DISPOSITION).

Protected Material must be stored and maintained by Outside Counsel of Record of a Receiving Party or an expert retained by Outside Counsel of Record of a Receiving Party for the purposes of this litigation at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items. Unless 7.2. otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a

1	Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated	
2	"CONFIDENTIAL" only to:	
3	(a) the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of Record in this	
4	action, as well as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is	
5	reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation;	
6	(b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House	
7	Counsel) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for thi	
8	litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be	
9	Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.	
10	(c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party	
11	to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed	
12	the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);	
13	(d) the court and its personnel;	
14	(e) court reporters and their staff, professional jury or trial	
15	consultants, mock jurors, and Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is	
16	reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment	
17	and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);	
18	(f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom	
19	disclosure is reasonably necessary and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and	
20	Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the Designating	
21	Party or ordered by the court. Protected Material revealed in deposition testimony	
22	or exhibits to depositions may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under	
23	this Stipulated Protective Order; and	
24	(g) the author or recipient of a document containing the	
25	information or a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the	
26	information.	
27	7.3. <u>Disclosure of "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –ATTORNEYS" EYES</u>	
28	ONLY" Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted	

any information or item that has been designated "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" pursuant to paragraph 7.3(b) first must make a written request to the Designating Party that (1) sets forth the full name of the House Counsel and the city and state of his or her residence, and (2) describes the House Counsel's current and reasonably foreseeable future primary job duties and responsibilities in sufficient detail to determine if House Counsel is involved, or may become involved, in any competitive decision-making.

Unless otherwise ordered by the court or agreed to in (b) writing by the Designating Party, a Party that seeks to disclose to an Expert (as defined in this Order) any information or item that has been designated "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" pursuant to paragraph 7.3(c) first must make a written request to the Designating Party that (1) identifies the general categories of "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" information that the Receiving Party seeks permission to disclose to the Expert, (2) sets forth the full name of the Expert and the city and state of his or her primary residence, (3) attaches a copy of the Expert's current resume, (4) identifies the Expert's current employer(s), (5) identifies each person or entity from whom the Expert has received compensation or funding for work in his or her areas of expertise or to whom the expert has provided professional services, including in connection with a litigation, at any time during the preceding five years, ² and (6) identifies (by name and number of the case, filing date, and location of court) any litigation in connection with which the Expert has offered expert testimony, including through a declaration, report, or testimony at a deposition or trial, during the preceding five years.

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²If the Expert believes any of this information is subject to a confidentiality obligation to a third-party, then the Expert should provide whatever information the Expert believes can be disclosed without violating any confidentiality agreements, and the Party seeking to disclose to the Expert shall be available to meet and confer with the Designating Party regarding any such engagement.

- (c) A Party that makes a request and provides the information specified in the preceding respective paragraphs may disclose the subject Protected Material to the identified House Counsel or Expert unless, within 10 days of delivering the request, the Party receives a written objection from the Designating Party. Any such objection must set forth in detail the grounds on which it is based.
- 7.5. If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court intervention, they shall formulate a written stipulation in compliance with the procedures of Local Rule 37-2.
- 7.6. In any such proceeding, the Party opposing disclosure to House Counsel or the Expert shall bear the burden of proving that the risk of harm that the disclosure would entail (under the safeguards proposed) outweighs the Receiving Party's need to disclose the Protected Material to its House Counsel or Expert.

8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION

If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL" and "<u>HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS' EYES</u>

ONLY." that Party must:

- (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall include a copy of the subpoena or court order;
- (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order; and
- (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in this

1	action as "CONFIDENTIAL" and "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS'
2	EYES ONLY" before a determination by the court from which the subpoena or
3	order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party's permission. The
4	Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that
5	court of its confidential material - and nothing in these provisions should be
6	construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this action to disobey
7	a lawful directive from another court.
8	9. A NON-PARTY'S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE
9	PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION
0	(a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information
1	produced by a Non-Party in this action and designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" and
2	"HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL -ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY." Such information
3	produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the
4	remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be
5	construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.
6	(b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery
17	request, to produce a Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the
8	Party is subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's
9	confidential information, then the Party shall:
20	(i) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and
21	the Non-Party that some or all of the information requested is subject to a
22	confidentiality agreement with a Non- Party;
23	(ii) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the
24	Stipulated Protective Order in this litigation, the relevant discovery request(s), and a
25	reasonably specific description of the information requested; and
26	(iii) make the information requested available for
27	inspection by the Non-Party.
28	(c) If the Non-Party fails to object or seek a protective order

from this court within 10 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the court.³ Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures; (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material; (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order; and (d) request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A).

11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED MATERIAL

When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for production without prior privilege review. The parties agree that any waiver

³The purpose of this provision is to alert the interested parties to the existence of confidentiality rights of a Non-Party and to afford the Non-Party an opportunity to protect its confidentiality interests in this court.

occasioned by the disclosure of a communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work product protection is limited as set forth in Federal Rules of Evidence 502(d) and (e).

12. MISCELLANEOUS

- 12.1. <u>Right to Further Relief</u>. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek its modification by the court in the future.
- 12.2. <u>Right to Assert Other Objections</u>. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective Order, no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.
- 12.3. <u>Filing Protected Material</u>. A Party that seeks to file under seal any Protected Material must comply with Local Rule 79-5.

13. FINAL DISPOSITION

Within 60 days after the final disposition of this action, as defined in paragraph 4, each Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material. As used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material.

Notwithstanding this provision, Outside Counsel of Record are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or

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1	constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in	
2	Section 4 (DURATION).	
3	PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.	
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5	The Honorable Magistrate Judge John E.	
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2	ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND I, [print or type full name], of [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of California on [date] in the case of VBConversions, LLC v. Exida.com, LLC, John Christman, Does 1-10, Inclusive, No. 2:13-cv-08306-PSG-JEMx. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order. I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action. I hereby appoint [print or type full address and telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in connection with this action
23 24 25 26 27 28	or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective Order. Date: City and State where sworn and signed: Printed name: Signature: